

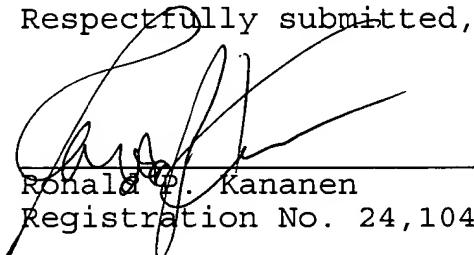
REMARKS

Prior to an initial examination of the above-identified continuation application, please enter the foregoing amendment adding new claim 20. The claim is identical to independent claim 15 which was considered generic in the parent Patent Application No. 08/739,101. In that application, claim 15 was initially considered allowable, but was canceled in a supplementary Notice of Allowability. It is pointed out that the Examiner also included with the Supplementary Notice of Allowability a Notice of References Cited, citing six U.S. patents which the Examiner indicated, in a telephonic interview, as being relevant to the patentability of the claims pending in the instant application.

Following entry of the above amendment, claims 12 to 14, and 16 to 21 are pending for the Examiner's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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